AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, amend paragraph [0002] as:

[0002] Heat dissipation fans are commonly employed to enhance removal of heat generated in computers in order to maintain proper operation of the computers. A side-mount heat dissipation fan comprises a casing having an open top for intake of surrounding air and a side opening in communication with a heat sink to conduct air flow toward and through the heat sink. The casing has a bottom that is closed for supporting the fan blades thereon. Since the fan blades are rotated at a high speed, undesired impact of the fan blades with the bottom of the casing inevitably causes damage to the fan blades. To reduce the risk of impact, the fan blades are arranged at a sufficient distance from the bottom. This effectively overcomes the impact issue. However, a large gap is formed between the fan blades and the bottom of the casing, and air that is sucked into the fan in an axial direction may flow to the back side of the fan blades instead of ~~, rather than~~ being driven out of the fan along the side opening by centrifugal force. The air that flows to the back side of the fan blades induces turbulence that interferes with the air flowing toward the side opening and thus reducing the operation efficiency of the fan.

Page 3, amend paragraph [0013] as:

[0013] With reference to the drawings and in particular to Figure 1, a heat dissipation fan constructed in accordance with the present invention, generally designated with reference numeral 10, comprises a casing 12 made of a rigid material, such as metal and hard plastics. The casing 12 defines a cavity 14 in which a fan assembly 16 is received as

shown in Figure 3. The casing 12 has a bottom wall 18 on which the fan assembly 16 is rotatably supported. For example, a shaft 20 of the fan assembly 16 extends through a bore 21 defined in the bottom wall 18 as shown in Figure 2 and supported by bearing means (not shown). Alternatively, the shaft 20 is fixed to and extends from the bottom wall 18 into the cavity 14 to which the fan assembly 16 is rotatably mounted. The casing 12 comprises a side wall 22 extending ~~extends~~ from the bottom wall 18 to define an open top 24 of the casing 12. A side opening 26 in communication with the cavity 14 is defined in the side wall 22.

Page 4, amend paragraph [0016] as:

[0016] Since the gap 30 is reduced, impact of the fan blades 28 with the stuffing pad 32 inevitably occurs during the rotation of the fan assembly 16. To protect the fan blades 28, the stuffing pad 32 is made of a soft material, such as rubber or flexible plastics that cause no damage to the fan blades 28 when the pad 32 is hit by the fan blades 28. The stuffing pad 32 can also be in the form of a gel-like or paste-like substance supported on the bottom wall 18.